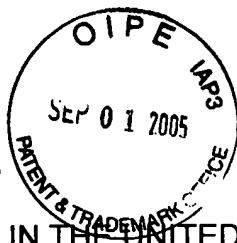


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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 1, 2004, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until September 1, 2005.

Applicants note that this response is being filed by the initial due date for response whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time is required to maintain the pendency of the application, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Applicants are submitting on even date herewith a Request for Continued Examination and a Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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Accordingly, this Amendment and the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement are being filed herein as submissions for the Request for Continued Examination.

Entry of the instant amendment with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which appears beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.